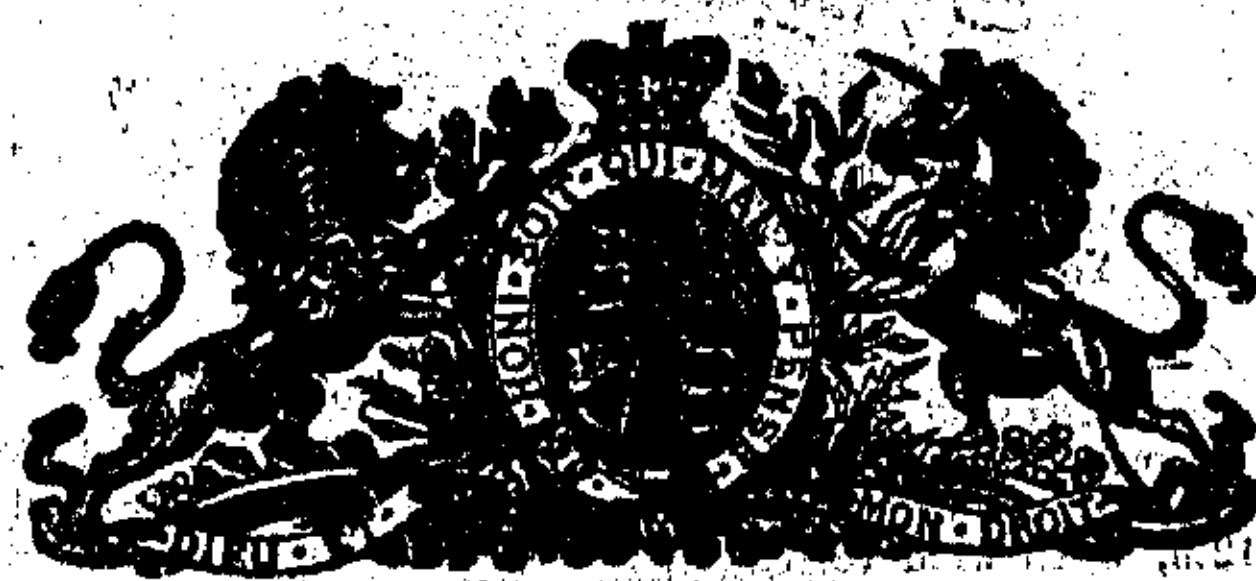


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Hongkong, May 13, 1878. [my15]

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Captain SCOTT, will be despatched as above on SUNDAY, the 19th Instant, at Daylight.

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MEYER & Co.
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"TITAN,"
B. F. BERRY, Master, will load here for the above Port, and have quick despatch.

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FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

The

the outside of the room door, but it can easily be forced open.

After hearing a mass of evidence the jury found that the deceased died from suffocation and returned a verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown.

The second anniversary of the Hongkong Temperance Hall was held in that institution, Stanley Street, last night. Unfortunately the weather had a very threatening appearance, and to this circumstance may be ascribed in some measure the rather small attendance. The Rev. J. Henderson occupied the chair, and commenced the proceedings with a few appropriate and forcible remarks. He specially drew attention to the lack of sufficient sleeping accommodation, and said that on one or two occasions as many as 60 persons had slept at the Hall, whereas they had only proper accommodation for half that number. After reviewing the operations of the institution during the past year, and acknowledging in extremely happy terms the liberal services rendered to the Hall by the Bands and men of the 74th and 28th Regiments, he said they were not yet able to cover their expenses, and he hoped the institution would receive increased support from the community. An exceptionally good programme of vocal and instrumental music was then gone through, and a very pleasant evening passed. One of the most noteworthy and clever performances of the evening was the duet, violin and piano, "Orpheus aux Enfers." Mr. Lammett was, as usual, the hard worked man of the evening, and we really do not know how these entertainments would be got through without the help of this old friend of the Hall, ever ready as he is to play, at the shortest possible notice, the accompaniments to young vocalists, who, as a rule, appear never to give this important element in their performances the slightest thought until the time comes for them to mount the platform. There was Mr. Woodford also, exhibiting his remarkable skill on the violin, or energetically coaching some troupe of juveniles through their performance. Mr. Woodford's affection for things mundane seems to be divided between "small boys" and his violin. They commonly both take a prominent part in these entertainments under Mr. Woodford's skilful manipulation. A cornet solo and other performances by a portion of the Band of the 74th were a valuable addition to the evening's entertainment, as also was a recitation by another prized friend of the institution, Mr. Frazer Smith. "The song, 'The beautiful young man,' in character, was very well done by a performer who has unquestionably a penchant for this class of entertainment.

The Report of the institution shows that during the year 13,566 meals were supplied, and 1,826 beds. The floors, forms, and lounge chairs had sometimes to be utilised as beds, owing to the demand for beds being greater than the supply. The donations during the year amounted to \$260, and the entertainments cost about \$10 per month. The house was self-supporting, but upon the general accounts there was a small deficiency. Contributions of books and papers are desired.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting Judge.)
May 14, 1878.

Kwon Ahn v. Aitken, \$6.40.—Plaintiff, a chair-coolie, claimed \$6.40 as wages for one month and 2 days, from 16th March to 18th April. He was employed, he said, to carry a lady, and defendant wanted him to carry him. The plaintiff admitted his indebtedness to end of March, but denied liability for the balance, as defendant had refused to do as he was told. He had ordered the defendant to help to carry him one morning, and he refused, first on the plea that it was not his duty and then that he was sick. In the course of the examination it transpired that the defendant really was sick at the time, and His Lordship therefore gave judgment for \$6 with costs.

MacGillivray v. Rose, \$75.50.—The plaintiff, a draper, was engaged in England, at a salary of £250 a year, and he sought to recover from Rose & Co., the firm to which he had been engaged the difference in the rate of exchange at which his salary had been paid him (4/2) and the current rate to which he said he was entitled.

Mr. Francis appeared for the plaintiff. Miss Rose said that she had been 11 years in business and had always been in the habit of paying at the rate of 4/2 even when dollars were at 4/6.

Mr. D. MacGillivray, the plaintiff, was then examined. He said he was a draper, and entered into an engagement with Rose & Co. to serve in Hongkong; a written agreement was entered into; he left England on the 3rd May. His salary was to be at the rate of £250 a year. Nothing was mentioned about exchange. When he arrived here he asked Miss Rose for some money and got \$10. Two months after leaving England Miss Rose said "In case you want money pay you for 2 months." She asked how he would like to be paid and that it was usual to pay every three months. Plaintiff did not know anything about exchange at that time, and did not think about it until afterwards. He made up his mind to speak about it on the occasion of the next payment; but his salary was sent to him in an envelope and he then decided to speak of it on the first occasion they had cash transactions. On the 3rd May when leaving he received \$400, less \$23 money owing by him to the firm. Mr.

Rose in England paid plaintiff's life policy premium and charged it to the firm account; the rate of exchange charged plaintiff on this account (produced) was 5/11. Plaintiff spoke to Miss Rose about the exchange, and said that he thought there was a considerable balance due him, and she replied that she had always been in the habit of paying at the rate of 4/2. Plaintiff then took legal advice.

Mr. D. R. Crawford was then called to prove custom and usage, he said he had been many years in business in Hongkong and had a number of men employed in his business and nearly all were engaged in England. Sometimes their salaries were fixed in dollars and sometimes in sterling. In some cases the rate of exchange would be fixed in the agreement, and sometimes not. In cases where the rate was not fixed, the account would be kept in dollars, and at the end of the year they are credited with the amount of their salary at the average rates for our own remittances for the year. This has always been our practice.

By His Lordship:—The agreement of the last man who was engaged in England said current rates of exchange. It is certainly several years since the rate of exchange was as high as 4/2.

Miss Janet Rose said she was one of the partners of Rose & Co. The agreement put in by the plaintiff in the agreement made with her firm. She always paid salaries at the rate of 4/2, if the exchange was 4/6 she would still pay at the rate of 4/2.

His Lordship said he would look into the question and give his decision at an early date.

Wong Shun v. E. Spitz, \$241.00.—Plaintiff is Compradore to Messrs W. Pustau & Co., and defendant is shipping clerk to the same firm, and the claim was for money advanced at the order of defendant, Compradore orders for which sum were produced in proof that the amount had been advanced.

Mr. Sharp appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant did not deny liability, but claimed a set-off of \$90 the value of two silver cups and one telescope which had been stolen or were missing from his room, for which the defendant urged the plaintiff was liable as he was responsible for the honesty of the servants.

This was the custom in all firms in Hongkong. One of the chair coolies disappeared the same day the things were missed, and he was suspected. The police were informed of the robbery, but as yet nothing had been heard either of the stolen property or the missing coolie.

Mr. Sharp, on behalf of the plaintiff, denied liability, and said that the plaintiff had never entered into any written agreement to be responsible in this way, and further stated that defendant's room was accessible to anybody entering the house and the door was never shut.

Finally the case was adjourned until to-morrow, in order that evidence may be forthcoming to show what agreement the plaintiff had entered into with Messrs Pustau & Co.

JOTTINGS IN TOWN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

LONDON, April 1878.

They say that one half of this world of ours do not know how the other half lives. I wot few of us dream, in the day and night wanderings of our minds, how late it might be, the other half dies. Take last Sunday afternoon. A bright, crisp and clear day. I loitered towards the Broad walk in the Park, to see the London world and his wife. The trees were budding, the sun shining and the ladies smiling. All of a sudden, down the open lane from Kensington Palace, a dark and ominous-looking cloud came whirling. There was a regular stampede of males and females: all fled, hither and thither, dust and snow following them. The sky got dull, the air bleak, and we sought our firesides.

Then came the startling news that, at the very hour when we were living and shivering, the training ship *Eurydice* had capsized, with, alas! no Orpheus to sing her crew back to smiling life again. In that same whirlwind over went the gallant old craft, captain and officers and the hearty tribe of boys who were aspiring to become real British tars. Those on shore saw a gallant ship with sails full spread—as I once saw the patriotic flag-ship *Rodney* sail proudly up the Yodo bay, with white unfurled sails against a leaden sky—and then a blinding storm of sleet and snow and then—nothing more, and had not a little ship been passing, none would have come back to tell us how the old *Eurydice* went down. Brave little sailor lads, how sleep you now?

"O Lord, methought, what pain it was to drown! What dreadful noise of water in mine ears! What sights of ugly death within mine eyes! Methought I saw a thousand fearful wrecks; A thousand men that fishes gnaw'd upon: Wedges of gold, great anvil-locks, heaps of pearls, and many other precious things, did I behold."

What a paragraph has been going the newspaper rounds to the effect that China is objecting to occupation of Koida by the Russians. China it would appear, has remonstrated for some time past, but remonstrances come to blows, Russia has been but little. I never fall being amused at the greed Russia has for annexation. A dust-heap, or anything to swell the edges of the Russian map, seems only too welcome prey. I should imagine the map of Russia as regards the stray land on the borders of inland China would need changing every few months. A black and barren plain lies there, on to which a few bright-eyed sentinels are placed, and then the property becomes Russian. Occasionally a little village or a petty town comes in the path. Well, occupation still despatches reach St. Petersburg will be necessary, and another town dot is added to the Russian map. Eastern Russia, the land of children, think I. It was the same in Northern Japan: the Amoor is pleasantly near Yesso, so, of a sudden, a row of grim forts smiled at the Japanese. They didn't like it, but they did their best to grin and bear it. Then it was all so amiable done. There was a Russian admiral—

he, I think who had got orders to bombard and take Hongkong during the Crimean war—and his little fleet, and he would make us drink his health, and he would insist on giving us that fresh caviar. We were strangers and—he took us in.

I cannot help but think that the good Bishop of London, whom I have heard preach eloquently upon charity and brotherly love, makes rather an error in depriving the Rev. Mr. Headlam of his living, because that broad-viewed parson advocated the support of theatres and music halls. This animadversion by church against stage is very strange, seeing that the drama originally sprang from the church. All early plays were of a religious character, depicting, for instance, the Passions of Christ, and likewise play-books were written in the grounds around the churches. The modern theatre, doubtless, needs improving, but the vain, futile efforts at stamping it out will never cleanse it of its sins. Mr. Headlam has, however, survived the outrageous slings and arrows of his outraged Bishop. He has done more: having lost his spiritual living, he has taken a temporal—so far as life goes—helpmate in the shape of a wife, and the profession whose views he fought for are getting up a subscription for him. This latter is unwise, I think; the profession is scarcely in such low water as to need to, as it were, "tip" the votes that strives to pick it up. The world in most part is as tired with it, and are content to let the good Bishop ignore its performances, and guide, in his own house, over the post-prandial song and story washed down with tawny port wine.

While on the subject of the theatre, I may mention that it is more than likely that, during the present season, some acknowledgment of the drama by the State will be revived. It is long time now since there has been a "command night" at one of our play-houses. The Queen, privately, is a most liberal and ardent supporter and admirer of the stage, but since her retirement, she has not personally patronised it. The other members of the Royal family seldom miss a piece, while, it is most amusing to note, with what pertinacity the Princess Beatrice goes to play, on those few-and-far-between nights when she and her Royal mother are in town. I was reading a play to-day which, it was dated 1897, was being performed by His Majesty's sworn servants, and up to this day the actors at Drury Lane are entitled to call themselves "Her Majesty's servants,"—a privilege they have only recently departed from. If this recognition, in a public way, I mean, comes about, it will be due to the Princess Beatrice who, the other evening, was so enamoured with the performance of *Diplomacy* at the Prince of Wales' theatre, that so same talk has it, she has never ceased extolling it to the Queen. I believe there will either be a command night at this theatre, or else the players will be summoned to the private theatre at Windsor Castle, a building which the late Prince Consort took an especial care of and interest in. It is high time the State did something to discountenance the attacks of the church against the drama, attacks made with as much venom as was wont to be the case in the old and ignorant Puritan days.

I am informed that the War Office have arranged that, should any of our Highland regiments go abroad on active service, they should don the new regulation helmet, and leave their feather bonnets at home, to be resumed in times of peace. This is right enough, for though the "swing" of the bonnet looks rarely well in a march past at a review, it is a cumbersome head-dress for warfare. Connected with this, however, I hear that a petition is being got up by some of the officers attached to these killed corps, to get back their old original head-gear. This, it appears, was the flat, or strathdon bonnet, with eagle's feathers: these latter, in the private's dress, were carried across and the ends fastened down from this came the present device, rather an abortive imitation. With the officers, the eagle feathers stood up, like those worn by chieftains of clans in the present day. Besides, the present high bonnet is not Scotch, whilst the low, flat shape is. John Kemble, the great actor, was wont to wear a bonnet belonging to the 42nd Highlanders, when playing *Macbeth*. In the Edinburgh theatre, one evening, or the curtain rose, Sir Walter Scott tossed this head-dress aside and substituted the flat bonnet with the eagle's feathers. Kemble always confessed that his appearance with this latter was always worth a round of applause.

Although the wording of our present comic songs is far from being edifying, and, in reality, is composed of the most feeble jargon which could possibly be strung together, yet the music these are sung to is, for the most part, very catching. None are more active at getting hold of it than the organ-men, while, oddly enough, the German and other street bands ignore it, and rashly rush at the high and mighty classical, which they cannot play, and in the blots in which efforts after the sublime, the trombone utters so prominent a part. Most of the modern dance music—excepting, of course, those dreary German waltzes which come at times—is founded on those comic airs, and it is immense fun, when studying contrabass, to see the haughty Duchess advancing in a quadrille, while the band is expostulating with "Whoa, Emma." The pipes and drums of the Guards' bands as they march, every morning, to mount entry at St. James' Palace, invariably play a medley quick-step, and one cannot help a smile as one hears the quaint note of the flute which, as it utters diadems, sends forth the "puff, puff" of the order to "Jemimah, blow the fire."

One of the chief pictures of attraction at the forthcoming Academy, will be the portrait, by Millais, of Mrs. Langtry, the daughter of the Duke of Jersey, who, last season, with her pretty face, was the talk of the town. The photograph shows her full of her—the old story, you know—placed between a Bishop and an Actress. She is handsome, and pretty, but I don't know that she is the lovely and divine creature she is made out to be. But then, society lost its head over her, and no dance, dinner or assembly was complete without her. Royalty took her up, the Prince of Wales presented her husband to the Queen, at the last drawing-room—it is now suggested that to make a proper balance, the Princess should present the wife. As she is not a public character; as her husband is a plain, private gentleman, I really don't see why her pictures should be sold.

Husbands seem to have no control in these matters. What a jolly life she must be leading, compared with the prosaic existence of Jersey. By the bye, does that island make all her daughters beautiful? Mrs. Langtry, the actress, after whose face all London was wont to rave, came from there; she was a minor actress there; Tom Taylor made her a leading actress here—but she has woefully fallen off in face, sadly degenerated in her playing. Nevertheless—I shall go to Jersey.

Have those crystallised violets, to remind you of home spring, got out your length yet? Those dark purple, sweet scented violets. They are, I think, about the best confection I know. When eating some, after dinner the other evening, I wondered how the thing about so true and so strong, was retained. To my surprise, what was eating, turned out to be the veritable blossoms, and most delicious they were. I also tasted orange blossoms done in the same way. The preserving is very slight, and scarcely interferes with the appearance of the original bloom. There are violets—and violets as you know; the one I speak of is very pleasant, when taken from a lady's hand, yet, aristocratic as they are, I doubt if they take the palm from those other plebeian "violets" we are now getting in our spring salads.

There are no greater humbugs than players when they have reached being famous, and the jealousy they possess for one another passes comprehension. If you look "under the clock" in the home papers which reach you, you will find all the names of those who are acting as I write. One Saturday evening—the day most places come out, giving time to critics to praise or condemn them, while everybody else is at church next day—that fastidiously old play *The Lady of Lyons* was revived, with a celebrated actress in the character of Pauline. The lady can act, and is, to my mind, very beautiful in face. The Monday's reviews of her performance, at least those in *Times* and *Telegraph*, were very hostile, so, all of a sudden, before Tuesday night, down came a regular Doctor's certificate to say that the actress was too ill to appear any more during the week, but that, if fortune favoured her, she would be ready to do Juliet, her best role, the following Monday. Another actress—what is her name?—"the under-study"—assumed the character, made a hit, and while being lent, poorly-fitted houses had been the order, people suddenly began to book seats to see the new Pauline. On Thursday morning, the management was informed that the first actress had sufficiently recovered as to be able to resume her work that evening. It is said, but I cannot vouch for it, that, whilst the present "under-study" is retained in the company, the leading lady's health will not again give way.

There is considerable unpleasantness going on in a somewhat distinguished regiment which has just reached India, from home, and as usual, a woman is at the bottom of it. It appears that the Colonel got the command of the corps in question, much against the universal wish of all the officers, by whom, in common with the privates, he is greatly disliked. The officers have sent him a round-robin, asking him to either send in his papers, or exchange into another regiment. This odd part of the whole story is, that the Colonel's wife was once more than a mere acquaintance of one of the officers in this same regiment, and a lady well known in the Gibraltar garrison some years ago.

I happened to be in Scotland, the other day, and was struck with the remark made by one of the circuit Judges, when trying a case of assassination—wherein one man shot at another from behind a hedge—that such a crime was an almost unknown thing in Scotland. How strangely this contrasts with the news which has just come from Ireland regarding the cruel and deliberate murder of Lord Leitrim. It is a melancholy thing for a country where its people come to view life, and the taking away thereof, in so light and cheap a manner. Indeed, Ireland is gaining a reputation as a land of assassination, more glowing in its desperate story than any land given up to brigandage. Of course all kinds of rumours are about as to the motive—rows with tenants and what-not; but it is so more than whispered that the late Lord—one looks upon these Irish Lords as being, as Edward Terry would say, "such dukes"—caused much domestic troubles amongst the daughters on his domains. There is, you know, always the stone ready to be thrown: be that as it may, be his faults, his goodness, his vices, his virtues what they may, he has been foully murdered by cowards.

"Duncan is in his grave:
Nor steels, nor poison,
Malice domestic, foreign levy, nothing,
Can touch him further."

CHINA.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)

We mentioned on Monday that the steamer *Galley of Lorne* was ashore at Woosung. After lighting over a thousand tons of her cargo, coals from Nagasaki, she floated, and came into port yesterday (May 7th).

At a special general meeting of shareholders in the Yangtze Insurance Association, held yesterday at the office of the agents, Messrs Russell & Co., the accounts were presented for the fiscal year ending 30th September last. The net premium, less re-insurances, amounted to Tls. 259,974, against Tls. 255,008 during the preceding fiscal year, a result which, under the circumstances, the Directors considered very satisfactory. Tls. 79,914 had been paid on account of losses, and further claims to the amount of about Tls. 10,000 were pending. Tls. 90,000 had been absorbed for interest on Shareholders' capital at the rate of fifteen per cent., and a return of twenty-five per cent., on net premium contributed had been divided among policy-holders. The Association is now completely reorganised under the new Articles of Agreement of 1877, and regular dividends are henceforward payable in July and January of each year. The Accounts were formally adopted, and the Directors were thanked for the care and ability with which they had re-organised the Association.

The Straits.

(Straits Times.)

The *London Gazette* of the 2nd April has the following:—"74th Foot.—Lieut.-Col. and Brevet Col. William Kelly M'Leod retires on half-pay."

The Colonial Secretary notifies that fractional parts of the Japanese Yen dollar are not legal tender in these settlements, and

will not be received at the Treasury or any Public Office.

His Japanese Majesty's ironclad corvette *Ho Yie*, Captain F. R. Blackburne, R.N., from New Milford, England, with dates to the 23rd March, via Malta, Port Said, Suez, and Aden, anchored in the roads yesterday (May 6th) and will leave for Yokohama this afternoon. The *Ho Yie* is a vessel of 1732 tons, carries 75 men, and is armed with 9 heavy guns. She is at present under the command of an English naval officer, and is manned by a European crew, but they will, we hear, be replaced by Japanese on her arrival at her destination. The *Ho Yie* will no doubt be a formidable addition to the naval resources of the Japanese Empire; she is the second vessel that has passed here lately for the Japanese Government which has been built at home.

THE CESSION OF TERRITORY IN BORNEO.

(Straits Times.)

In connection with the recent cession of territory in the North-east of Borneo and the claim set up by the Manila Press that it is an infringement on the rights of Spain at that quarter as founded on treaties with Sulu and its dependencies, the text of Spain's treaty with Sulu in 1836 possesses some interest as throwing some light on what is meant by "Sulu and its dependencies" which were ceded to Spain by her later treaty with Sulu in 1851. Appended, therefore, is a copy of the treaty of 1836.—Treaty of Peace and Commerce between Spain and Sooloo, signed at Sooloo, Sept. 23rd, 1836. Capitulations of peace, protection and commerce between the Government of Her Most Catholic Majesty and the Sultan and Datoos of Sooloo.

(Translation.)
Capitulations of Peace, protection and commerce stipulated with the most excellent Sultan and Datus of Sooloo by the most illustrious Senor, the Captain General, Governor of the Philippine Islands, in the name of the High and Mighty Sovereign Her Catholic Majesty, both parties having previously agreed thereupon that is to say:—The Captain of the Royal Navy Jose Maria Maleon, Commander-in-Chief of the Naval forces stationed in the Roads of Sooloo to represent the Spanish Government as the Plenipotentiary of the most illustrious Senor the Captain General Don Pedro Antonio Salazar, Governor of the Philippine Islands and for the other party the Sultan Mohamed Dismul-Quiram and the Datus who sign the terms they have agreed to:—

Art. 1.—The most illustrious Senor, the Captain-General Governor of the Philippine Islands, on the part of Her Catholic Majesty, doth assure to the Excellent Sultan and the Datus of Sooloo, for now and forever, the most solid peace on the part of the Spaniards, and of the natives of all the islands subject to the Crown of Spain, with the tributaries in the lands subject to the Sultan and his Datoos, and he offers the protection of his Government and Naval and Military assistance for any war that the Sultan may be under the necessity of carrying on against the enemies who may attack him, or in order to subject the towns which may revolt in any of the islands situated within the limits of the Spanish jurisdiction and which extends from the Western Point of Mindanao (Magindano) to Borneo and the Paragus (Palawan), with the exception of Sandakan and the other countries tributary to the Sultan of the Continent of Borneo. The Sultan of Sooloo on his part accepts the friendship and protection of the Spanish Government, and engages also to preserve peace with all the subjects of H. C. Majesty, and to consider as enemies all those who may henceforward be such to the Spanish nation, and to concur with armed forces for the wars which may arise in the same manner as if they were Spaniards. In case of this aid being rendered, the provisions for the subsistence of the Sooloo are to be at the expense of H. C. Majesty, the same as for the other soldiers and individuals of Her Army and Navy. The 2nd clause of the Capitulations of 1737 is hereby renewed and explained as not including the obligation to lend aid in wars with European nations.

Art. 2.—In consequence of the friendship and protection which unites Sooloo with the Spanish Provinces of the Philippine Islands, the Soolooan ships may sail and trade freely in the open ports of Manila and Zamboanga, and the Spanish in that of Sooloo, where both of them will not only be admitted, but will find protection and the same treatment as other nations.

In a separate capitulation, the duties are regulated which the Spanish vessels are to pay in Sooloo, and those which Soolooan vessels are to pay in Manila and Zamboanga, but by these capitulations it is agreed that the Soolooans are to pay less than foreign ships and the Spaniards are not to pay so much as is exacted from other nations.

Art. 3.—In order that the trade of Spanish vessels at Sooloo may not suffer the losses and delays caused by the difficulties of its market, the Sultan and the Datoos agree that a factory or "Bantalan" with substantial warehouses, shall be erected for the use of Spanish merchants, where goods may be deposited without risk, and the Sultan and the Datoos promise always to respect this place, in which there is to be a resident Spanish Agent who will manage all the affairs entrusted to him. If the Soolooans should wish to do the same in Manila, they are at liberty to do so, but the Spanish Government will receive goods on deposit in the Custom House of that city at a duty of only one per cent. The Sultan will fix a proper place for building the Warehouses, where vessels may be easily loaded and unloaded, and the Spanish Government will require from the Sultan the workmen and materials they want and pay him for the same.

Art. 4.—In order that the Spanish and Soolooan trading vessels may sail and trade with security, free from the piracies of the Olanuns and Zamales, the Spanish Government will augment their Naval forces, which will equally protect the one and the other; and that the innocent may not be mistaken for the guilty, the following rules are to be observed:—

1. Every Spanish vessel arriving at Sooloo must, when she casts anchor, show her flag to the Sultan, and he will affix his seal thereon when she sails, if not the Captain shall be punished at Manila.—2. Every Soolooan vessel going Manila or Zamboanga must have a license from the Sultan and with it the permit and insurance.—3. Every Spanish or Soolooan vessel going to trade at Magindano must go first to Zamboanga to give notice to the Governor, who will sign a license for it gratis.—4. All Spanish and Soolooan vessels which meet the Olanuns and Sandakas vessels

without a license from the Sultan and Governor as above-mentioned, shall be seized and shall forfeit all their cargoes, of which 2/8 will go to the captors, and 1/8 to the Sultan, if a Soolooan, or to the Governor, if a Spanish vessel.—5. The Governor of Zamboanga shall determine what is to be done with respect to the sales of goods from the towns of Filus and Basilan, as friends of that place.—6. The Soolooan trading boats which go from the Islands belonging to the Sultan either out to sea or to Mindanao with license should not flee from the ships of war they may meet with, because they are meant to defend them, and to pursue evil-disposed persons. The commanders of these ships will have orders to receive and conform to the instructions of the Sultan.

Art. 5.—The Sultan and Datus of Sooloo engage to prevent the piracies of the Olanuns and Zamales in the Philippine Islands, and if they are unable to do so, the Sultan will inform the Spanish Government that it may co-operate or do so itself.

Lastly.—Should the meaning of this Capitulation not agree in the two languages, the literal Spanish text shall decide the doubt.

Palace of Sooloo, 23rd September 1836, which is the 14th of the Moon Yumade Agio of 1852.

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Hongkong, April 29, 1878.

STANDARD FIRE OFFICE, LONDON.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents to the above Company at this Port, are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$40,000, on Buildings or on Goods stored therein.

Discount 20 %

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.
Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

AGENTS at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.
Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—Two Millions Sterling.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposal or any other information, apply to
ARTHOLD, KARBURG & Co.
Agents Hongkong & Canton.
Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

NORTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

INSURANCES.

YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

CAPITAL—Fully Paid-up.....Tls. 420,000
Permanent Reserve.....230,000
Special Reserve Fund.....75,000
Total Capital and accumulations.....Tls. 725,000
Since this date.....

Directors:

F. B. FORBES, Esq., Chairman.
M. W. BOYD, Esq. | O. KNESS, Esq.
H. P. EVANS, Esq. | C. LUCAS, Esq.

Secretaries:

Messrs. RUSSELL & Co., Shanghai.

London Bankers:

Messrs. BARKING BROTHERS & Co.

Agencies in:

HONGKONG, LONDON, SAN FRANCISCO, and the Principal Ports in the East.

POLICIES granted on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, at current rates.
Subject to a charge of 12 % for interest on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS OF THE UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 1, 1877.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY. (LIMITED.)

NOTICE.

POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World. In accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether Shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,
Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated by Royal Charter and Special Acts of Parliament.

ESTABLISHED 1809.

CAPITAL \$2,000,000.

THE Undersigned, Agents at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of \$10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAPITAL ONE MILLION DOLLARS.

Directors.

KWOK ACHONG, Merchant.
PANG YIM, Merchant.
HO SAM, of Hop Yik Chan, Merchant.
LOO YEE, of the Yee On Hong, Merchant.
LEE SING, of Lai Hing Firm, Merchant.
CHANG SING YONG, Merchant.
CHOW CHAN, Merchant.

Manager—HO AMEL.

POLICIES against FIRE granted on Buildings and on Goods stored therein at CURRENT RATES, subject to Discount of 20 % on the Premium.

OFFICE, Nos. 8 and 9, Praya West.

Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

THE LONDON ASSURANCE

INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER of His Majesty King George The First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
Policies at current rates payable either here in London or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Life Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates. A discount of 20 % allowed.

Fire Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, July 26, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai, and other Ports, and are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Hongkong, October 14, 1869.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eight Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore B., and those in the body of the Shipping or midway between each shore are marked C., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
1. From Green Island to the Gas Works.
2. From Gas Works to the Novelty Iron Works.
3. From Novelty Iron Works to the Harbour Master's Office.
4. From Harbour Master's Office to the P. and O. Co.'s Office.
5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
7. From Naval Yard to the Pier.
8. From Pier to East Point.

| Vessel's Name. | Flag and Rig. | Tons. | Date of Arrival. | Consignees or Agents. | Destination. | Remarks. |
|------------------------|---------------|-------|------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|
| Steamers | | | | | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 366 | May 13 | Douglas Laprak & Co. | Tamsui, etc. | 16th Inst. |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 1179 | May 13 | Wm. Pustan & Co. | Saloon | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1088 | May 13 | Meyer & Co. | Saloon | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 563 | May 13 | Blind & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 915 | April 22 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | For Sale |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1271 | May 2 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1120 | May 4 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1420 | May 7 | Geo. R. Stevens & Co. | | Laid up |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 749 | Feb. 12 | Kwok Acheong | | Laid up |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1803 | May 11 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | Abandon Dock |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 95 | Oct. 2 | Kwok Acheong | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1128 | May 1 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 937 | May 9 | Wm. Pustan & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1286 | May 8 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 117 | | H. K. & W'poo Dock Co. | | Tug Flying |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 153 | | G. McEwan | | K'loon Dock |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 597 | April 18 | Geo Cheong Hong | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1243 | May 6 | H. Kler & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1688 | April 21 | Adamson, Bell & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 977 | May 18 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Shai & Yokohama | 18th noon |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1878 | May 24 | Geo. R. Stevens & Co. | Australian Ports | To-morrow |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1865 | May 14 | David Sassoon, Sons & Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | |
| Albatross | Dut. str. | 886 | May 14 | Wm. Pustan & Co. | Saloon | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1541 | May 14 | Geo Cheong Hong | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1060 | April 29 | Gibb, Livingston & Co. | Foochow | To-day |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 870 | May 11 | Douglas Laprak & Co. | Coast Ports | To-morrow |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 824 | May 7 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 994 | May 8 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 678 | Mar. 17 | Landstain & Co. | | Coast Dock |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 761 | May 12 | Stemmen & Co. | Shanghai | To-day |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1328 | May 12 | Landstain & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 643 | May 11 | Melchers & Co. | Bangkok | 16th daylight |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1100 | May 10 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 731 | May 14 | Soey Shing | Saloon | |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 874 | May 8 | Soey Shing | Nagasaki | 17th daylight |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1511 | May 7 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | Yokohama | K'loon Dock |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1040 | May 2 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | S'pore, Calcutta, &c. | To-morrow |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 1271 | May 4 | Jardine, Matheson & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 281 | May 12 | Kwok Acheong | | |
| Sailing Vessels | | | | | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 393 | May 8 | Borneo Co., Limited | | Wanchai Pier |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 240 | April 27 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 468 | May 4 | Wm. Pustan & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 325 | April 5 | Edward Schellhaas & Co. | Callao | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 947 | April 24 | Butterfield & Swire | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 207 | April 28 | Captain | Yokohama | Cleared |
| Albatross | Ital. bgo. | 668 | Mar. 31 | Thos. Howard & Co. | Bangkok | Cleared |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 739 | April 26 | Arnold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 885 | May 12 | Wieler & Co. | Tientsin | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 894 | April 23 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 568 | May 8 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 681 | May 8 | Olyphant & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 284 | May 1 | 185 Company | | |
| Albatross | Brit. sh. | 1199 | Feb. 18 | Meyer & Co. | Manila | |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 668 | Mar. 14 | Captain | | For Sale |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 310 | April 23 | Meyer & Co. | London | Wanchai Pier |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 795 | April 9 | Meyer & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 389 | April 27 | Arnold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1181 | Feb. 26 | Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. | London | |
| Albatross | Hawa. bgo. | 312 | Mar. 30 | Wieler & Co. | Honolulu | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 740 | April 14 | Meyer & Co. | Yokohama | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 447 | April 23 | Wieler & Co. | Manila | Cleared |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 495 | April 1 | Arnold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 464 | May 13 | Arnold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 282 | May 3 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 787 | April 10 | Rozario & Co. | | Sands' Slip |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 678 | April 7 | Meyer & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Fch. bgo. | 639 | May 3 | Landstain & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 315 | May 3 | Chinese | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 456 | April 18 | H. Kler & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1576 | Aug. 19 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bg. | 240 | April 25 | Edward Schellhaas & Co. | Tientsin | Wanchai Pier |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 1091 | April 16 | Arnold, Karberg & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Am. Sm. sh. | 368 | May 4 | Chinese | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 433 | May 18 | Captain | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 522 | April 27 | Captain | | |
| Albatross | Brit. Sm. sh. | 275 | May 5 | Chinese | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 440 | May 4 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 330 | May 7 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Span. sh. | 285 | May 7 | Chinese | | |
| Albatross | Fch. bgo. | 388 | Mar. 23 | Carlowitz & Co. | Callao & Valparaiso | |
| Albatross | Brit. bg. | 197 | Feb. 5 | Rozario & Co. | Melbourne & Sydney | |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1374 | Feb. 28 | Russell & Co. | San Francisco | |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 986 | Feb. 28 | Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. | San Francisco | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 393 | May 3 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. bgo. | 476 | May 10 | Chinese | | |
| Albatross | Ger. sh. | 1115 | May 1 | P. & O. S. N. Co. | | P. & O. |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1418 | April 24 | Butterfield & Swire | | Coast Dock |
| Albatross | Brit. sh. | 933 | April 14 | Butterfield & Swire | | K'loon Dock |
| Albatross | Slam. sh. | 589 | May 2 | Tack Mee | | |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 702 | May 12 | Soey Shing | | |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1090 | Sept. 5 | Russell & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 342 | May 1 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bg. | 256 | April 30 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Span. bgo. | 500 | Mar. 30 | Russell & Co. | Manila | |
| Albatross | Amer. bgo. | 645 | April 8 | Kim Nam | | |
| Albatross | Amer. sh. | 1270 | Feb. 7 | Russell & Co. | San Francisco | |
| Albatross | Ger. sh. | 1561 | Feb. 1 | Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. | New York | |
| Albatross | Am. Sm. sh. | 561 | May 2 | Edward Schellhaas & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 302 | April 28 | Melchers & Co. | | |
| WEALFOA | | | | | | |
| Albatross | Foh. bgo. | 352 | May 6 | Landstain & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. bgo. | 312 | May 6 | Wieler & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 1186 | May 10 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Bel. str. | 3800 | May 4 | Olyphant & Co. | Honolulu & Callao | |
| Albatross | Foh. bg. | 287 | May 5 | Carlowitz & Co. | | |
| Albatross | Brit. str. | 293 | May 18 | Stemmen & Co. | | |
| CAUTION | | | | | | |
| Albatross | Ger. str. | 643 | May 12 | Stemmen & Co. | Shanghai | |